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Electricity

Transmission of electric power from Pykara to Calicut.

* 117 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. Sreshta: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Hydro-Electric department has been considering the possibility of transmitting electric power from Pykara to Calicut;

(*b*) if so, whether an estimate of the cost of the proposal has been made, and what the estimated cost is;

(*c*) whether the Government have ever obtained an estimate of what the extra cost will be of an extension of the line to Mangalore;

(*d*) whether an estimate has been made of the probable load at Mangalore and all the important intermediate places, such as, Calicut, Tellicherry, Cannanore, Badagara and Kasaragod;

(*e*) what the longest line from Pykara is at present and what the longest line proposed to be undertaken is;

(*f*) how do those distances compare with the distance of the places mentioned in clause (*d*) above; and

(*g*) whether the Government have explored the possibility of having a hydro-electric station in the South Kanara district?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A very approximate estimate was made some time ago. The cost will be about 12 lakhs.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) A load survey has been made only for Calicut.

(*e*) The main 66 K.V. line from Pykara to Coimbatore is 49 miles, the 22 K.V. tower line from Coimbatore to Erode is 58 miles and the 22 K.V. pole line from Erode to Salem is 36 miles.

There is a proposal under consideration to construct a 120-mile 66 K.V. line from Coimbatore to Trichur and Ernakulam.

(*f*) The line from Pykara to Mangalore will be about 200 miles long. The farthest point now supplied from Pykara is Salem, 143 miles.

(*g*) Hydro-electric possibilities of the South Kanara district were examined some time ago. Kunchikal Abbi scheme, the site of which is about 65 miles from Mangalore was reconnoitered in 1920 but was dropped, as it was not considered sufficiently attractive.

Mr. K. P. Raman Menon:—" May I ask the hon. the Law Member what the distance is from Pykara to Calicut? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" Seventy miles."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" It is said that a load survey has been made only for Calicut. May I know the result of that survey? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" The result of the survey is that the taking of power to Calicut will prove to be profitable."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"Is it under consideration to extend the electric line to Calicut?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Yes; in course of time."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"May I know when it would be taken up?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I am afraid I cannot give a definite answer to that question."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"With regard to clause (*g*), may I know from what point of view the continuation of the line to Mangalore was not found to be attractive?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"From a commercial point of view."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"May I know whether the extension of the line to Coimbatore, and further on to Erode and Salem, has been found attractive?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"May I know exactly on what facts the Government come to the conclusion that any line would be commercially profitable or not?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"We take a survey of the load and then of the cost, and then we compare one with the other and see whether ultimately the transaction will prove profitable or not."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"In these commercial matters, is there not a principle governing them, that the provision of a facility creates the demand for it?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"To some extent."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"Will that principle be borne in mind in considering the question whether the line should be extended to Mangalore or not?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"When that question is taken up, it will be considered."

Forests

Judicial decision in the dispute between the Courtallam temple and the Government in re: their respective rights to the Courtallam waterfalls.

* 118 *Q.*—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. NADIMUTHU PILLAI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to call for and place before the Council the copy of the latest judicial decision in regard to the rights of the Courtallam Waterfalls (Tinnevelly district) which were in dispute between the Courtallam temple on the one side and the Government on the other?